



# Crop Progress and Condition

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## Idaho Graced by Some Melting Snow

There were 2.6 days suitable for fieldwork in Idaho last week, down from 2.8 the previous week. Northern Idaho had saturated fields from melting snow. Depending on elevation, winter wheat greened up and grass grew. Showers in Latah and Nez Perce Counties prevented field work, but crop dusters were topdressing fall wheat. Jerome and Twin Falls Counties had spring cereal, beet, and potato plantings in full swing. Operators hauled manure and prepared fields for corn. Winter wheat was in good condition and low elevation spring pastures were green. Rain and moist soil conditions slowed planting and other activities in Gooding County. Far Eastern Idaho still had snow and muddy soil. Minor flooding was reported in low-lying areas of Teton County.

## Rain Slowed Fieldwork in Oregon

There were 3.7 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon last week, down from 4.2 the previous week. Oregon received moisture throughout most of the past week. Planting progress, already slowed by a snowy winter, was further delayed. The Willamette Valley and surrounding counties were under a flood watch. Several ditches and creek creeks flowed out of bounds; rivers rose rapidly. Accumulations of rain for Sunday brought the weekly totals over 7 inches in Brookings and near 6 inches in Bandon. This flooding resulted in low land flooding and mudslides. In Lane County, wheat, orchard grass, and tall fescue were fertilized between storms. Hazelnut orchard work continued. Ninety percent of orchards were budded and leafed out. In Polk County, cabbage, collards and broccoli were transplanted into beds. In Columbia and Washington Counties, several fields were too wet to enter. There was concern about increased disease potential on a variety of crops if rain continued in this zone of temperatures. In North Central Oregon, producers also struggled to get into the fields. Livestock producers continued calving; some started branding. Pastures greened up nicely. Water levels in the streams and soil were above average. In northeastern Oregon, winter canola continued doing well. Several winter wheat fields had problems with cheatgrass. Most field operations in Umatilla County were late because of the extended snow cover that lasted into late March. Rain showers throughout the week also delayed farming practices in southwestern, south central and southeastern Oregon. April 1 snowpack was 172% of normal for snow water equivalent in Lake County. Field operations, fertilizer and chemical applications were all behind schedule in the southern part of the state.

## Western Washington was Unseasonably Dry as Eastern Washington was Unseasonably Wet

There were 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington last week, down from 4.7 the previous week. The Puget Sound and Western Washington had soil moisture deficits. Pasture and crop conditions started to show stress and some livestock producers were feeding hay even as cattle were turned out to pasture. Blowing soil was observed during spring cultivation and fields were dry enough for heavy equipment. Field preparation and planting were ahead of schedule compared to last year. Fall planted vegetables varied in condition and winter wheat was in good condition. Fruit trees were budding up. Skagit County was in the midst of planting. Most crops were in good condition. Snohomish County had early transplants going in the ground. Apple blossoms were swelling. On the other side of the Cascades, apricot trees were in bloom in Chelan and Douglas Counties. Tree fruit growers finished up spring work with sprays and pruning. There were some reports of cutting out fire blight from pear and apple trees. Thunderstorms passed through the area late last week. Snow fell and then melted on the Waterville Plateau. A few snow drifts remained. Pastures were not ready for spring grazing. Calving ended. Producers reported wet topsoil and dry subsoil in Klickitat County. Rain water was being absorbed quickly. Northeastern Washington had sporadic spring work. Moisture was holding in the soil with no significant erosion or runoff. Calving issues from February storms were reported. Temperatures were warm and spring breezes were flowing through Franklin and Adams Counties. Spring crops were three weeks behind. Producers were busy tilling and planting potato fields. Lincoln County was too wet to start spring work. The Palouse was very wet. Some fertilizing and spraying started, but spring wheat had not been planted yet. Some producers burned fields.

### Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/07/19

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	-	1	50	49
Oregon.....	-	-	60	40
Washington.....	-	6	69	25
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	-	1	56	43
Oregon.....	-	5	67	28
Washington.....	-	8	80	12

- Represents zero.

### Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 04/07/19

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho.....	7	11	25	43	14
Oregon.....	2	21	40	24	13
Washington.....	1	16	36	46	1
Winter wheat					
Idaho.....	-	1	40	50	9
Oregon.....	2	6	29	27	36
Washington.....	-	1	34	58	7

- Represents zero.

### Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 04/07/19

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted .....	3	2	10	26
Barley planted.....	7	4	13	32
Oats planted .....	2	1	9	17
Oats emerged.....	-	-	-	2
Potatoes planted.....	4	2	4	7
Sugarbeets planted.....	18	2	7	18
Dry peas planted .....	-	-	-	3
Onions planted .....	40	6	23	(NA)

- Represents zero.  
(NA) Not available.

### Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 04/07/19

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted .....	12	5	45	49
Barley planted.....	8	3	32	42
Oats planted .....	25	13	25	(NA)
Oats emerged.....	10	1	7	(NA)
Potatoes planted.....	19	13	14	(NA)
Sugarbeets planted.....	36	26	53	(NA)
Field corn planted .....	3	(NA)	-	(NA)
Dry peas planted .....	7	2	37	(NA)
Onions planted .....	36	22	33	(NA)

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(NA) Not available.

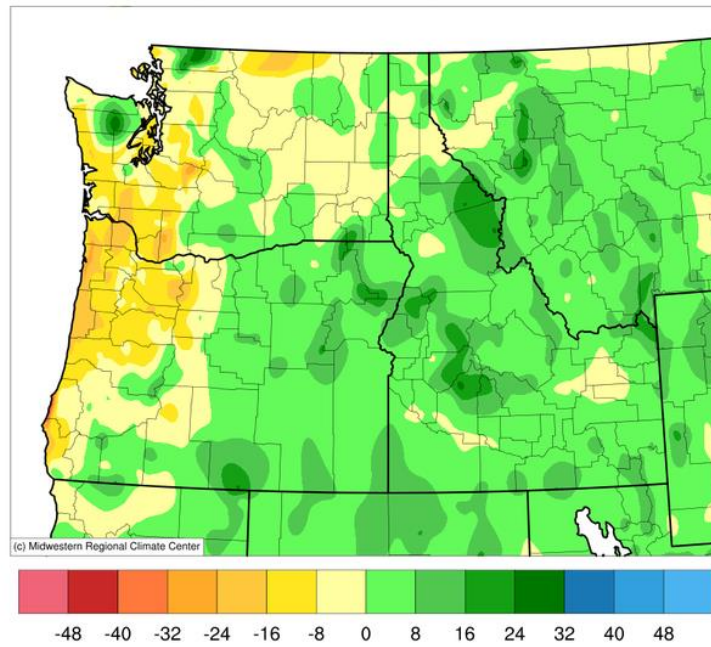
### Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 04/07/19

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat planted .....	11	2	26	28
Barley planted.....	9	2	6	16
Oats planted .....	5	-	5	(NA)
Potatoes planted.....	14	7	23	21
Sugarbeets planted.....	10	1	29	(NA)
Field corn planted .....	1	(NA)	3	(NA)
Dry peas planted .....	2	1	12	14
Onions planted .....	12	4	29	(NA)

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**Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals**

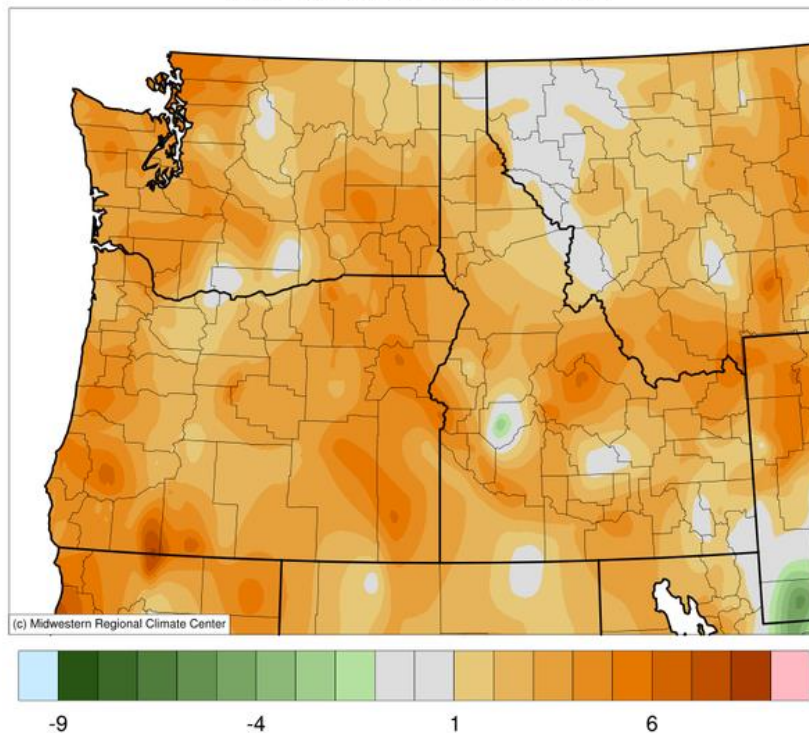
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**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals**

April 01, 2019 to April 07, 2019



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